CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of Claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-43. (Cancelled).

44. (**Currently Amended**)   A method of comparing hardware comprising:

accessing a first manufacturer's storefront database, wherein accessing includes logging onto the first manufacturer's storefront database from a first computer network;

requesting information about an old computer system using a first configuration request;

receiving old system configuration data for the old computer system from the first manufacturer's database, wherein the old system configuration data includes old hardware configuration data;

storing the old system configuration data as an old system configuration, wherein the old system configuration includes the old system configuration data;

executing configuration utility software on the old computer system;

highlighting any components of the old computer system identified by the configuration utility software as differing from the old system configuration data,

altering the old system configuration to reflect any different components identified by the configuration utility software;

accessing a second manufacturer's ~~new computer hardware catalog stored in a~~ storefront database using a second computer network, wherein a new computer hardware catalog is stored in the second manufacturer's storefront database, and wherein accessing the second manufacturer's storefront database includes accessing the new computer hardware catalog;

transmitting a ~~new hardware inquiry~~ second configuration request to the second manufacturer's storefront database, wherein the second configuration request includes a new hardware inquiry, and wherein transmitting the second configuration request includes transmitting the new hardware inquiry;

receiving new ~~hardware~~ system configuration data corresponding to a new computer

system from the second manufacturer; wherein the new system configuration data includes new hardware configuration data;

electronically comparing the new ~~hardware~~ system configuration data and the old ~~hardware~~ system configuration data; and

determining a compatible component list indicating components of the old computer system that are reusable in the new computer system.

45. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 44, further comprising selecting at least one component of the old computer system for reuse in the new computer system.

46. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 44, further comprising the first manufacturer being the same as the second manufacturer.

47.(Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 44, further comprising the first computer network being the same as the second computer network.

48. (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim 44, further comprising determining ~~the~~ street values of the old computer system with and without at least one reusable component.

49. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 48, further comprising determining whether to reuse a component of the old computer system in the new computer system based on the street values.

50. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 48, further comprising transmitting a hardware description to an online auction site comprising the old system configuration minus at least one component to be reused in the new computer system.

51. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 45, further comprising obtaining price estimates for the new computer system with and without the component selected for reuse.

52. (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim 44, wherein the <u>first </u>configuration request further comprises a unique tag corresponding to the old computer system.

53. (Previously Presented)   A method of comparing hardware comprising:

obtaining old configuration data over a first computer network for an old computer system from a first manufacturer using a unique tag that uniquely identifies the old computer system;

obtaining new configuration data over a second computer network for a new computer system from a second manufacturer;

electronically comparing the new configuration data and the old configuration data; and

determining a compatible component list indicating at least one component of the old computer system that is reusable in the new computer system.

54. (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim 53, further comprising:

executing a configuration utility to determine ~~the~~ an actual configuration of the old computer system; and

modifying the old ~~hardware description~~ configuration data to reflect the actual configuration of the old computer system.

55. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 53, further comprising the first manufacturer the same as the second manufacturer and the first computer network the same as the second computer network.

56. (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim 53, further comprising removing at least one component to be reused in the new computer system from the old ~~hardware description~~ configuration data.

57. (Currently Amended)   The method of Claim 53, further comprising transmitting the old ~~hardware description~~ configuration data to an online auction site.

58. (Previously Presented)   A method of selecting an optimal transaction amount for the purchase of a new computer comprising:

obtaining old configuration data over a first computer network for an old computer system from a first manufacturer using a tag that uniquely identifies the old computer system;

obtaining new configuration data over a second computer network for a new computer system from a second manufacturer;

electronically comparing the new configuration data and the old configuration data;

determining a compatible component list indicating at least one reusable component of the old computer system that is reusable in the new computer system;

determining the street prices of the old computer system with and without the reusable component;

determining the prices of the new computer system with and without the reusable component; and

computing transaction amounts with and without reuse of the reusable component, the transaction amount equal to the new computer price minus the old computer price; and

selecting the lowest transaction amount.

59. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 58, further comprising modifying the new configuration data to omit at least one reusable component selected based on the lowest transaction amount and ordering a new computer system corresponding to the new configuration data .

60. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 58, further comprising modifying the new configuration data to indicate at least one reusable component selected based on the lowest transaction amount and ordering a new computer system lacking hardware corresponding to the reusable component.

61. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 58, further comprising modifying the old configuration data to omit at least one reusable component selected based on the lowest transaction amount and transmitting the old configuration data to an online auction system.

62. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 58, further comprising:

executing a configuration utility to determine the actual configuration of the old computer system; and

modifying the old configuration data to reflect the actual configuration of the old computer system,

wherein executing and modifying are performed prior to electronically comparing the new configuration data and the old configuration data.

63. (Previously Presented)   The method of Claim 62, further comprising:

highlighting any components of the old computer system identified by the configuration utility software as differing from the old configuration data received from the manufacturer,

altering the old configuration data to reflect any different components identified by the configuration utility software.